

Figure Skating

Story By: Andrew Frinkle

Leigh liked figure skating. It was her favorite sport. Her brother always said it was a hobby, not a sport, because there were no touchdowns or goals. She thought that was silly. Her brother pretended to know a lot, but he wasn't smart when it came to figure skating.

Leigh loved to watch the graceful turns on the ice. The jumps were exciting, and the spins were breathtaking. It was beautiful to watch, especially the costumes. The ladies dressed so pretty, like princesses on the ice. Their skirts and dresses always glistened with rhinestones or sequins. They sparkled and smiled through their routines.

Singles competition was fun, but couples competition was more interesting. Two people could do more moves than one. She liked it when the man tossed the woman up in the air and caught her. It was amazing, even without touchdowns or goals.

She liked to watch and pretend to be a judge. She had a whiteboard and a marker. When a skater or a couple of skaters finished, she would write down her score for them and hold it up. Sometimes she had the same scores as the judges, but usually she was a bit too high. She always gave her favorite skaters perfect scores.

Leigh got a pair of ice skates for Christmas last year. She was taking lessons now. She might not be as good as the ladies on TV, but at least she didn't fall down as much anymore. It was her dream to be a skater, and she was going to try to do it!



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 - B. It's for girls.
 - C. There are no touchdowns or goals.
 - D. He doesn't like skating.
2. TRUE OR FALSE: Leigh thinks couples skating is more interesting.
 - A. True
 - B. False
3. TRUE OR FALSE: Leigh seems not to like the costumes in figure skating.
 - A. True
 - B. False
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 - B. ice hockey player
 - C. dancer
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